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1. In early July 1952 two thousand Chinese Communist Army recruits were being trained in an area about 1.5 kilometers in circumference ten kilometers east of the Mukden railroad station and two kilometers south of the Shenyang railroad station.¹ The training center office was a two-story cement building surrounded by a cement wall.
2. Five hundred of the recruits were receiving training as tank-supported infantry and the remaining 1,500 recruits were being trained as infiltration troops. The method of training was similar to that used by the Japanese. Infiltration trainees practiced advancing through simulated mine-fields and had constant hand grenade practice.
3. Most of the recruits were graduates of middle school or college and all were about 20 years of age.² Their morale was very high.

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1. Comment. Shenyang is another name for Mukden.

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2. Comment. Judging from the educational background and age of the recruits, this training center was probably one for non-commissioned officers or officer candidates.

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